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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Bid No. 13528 – Vendor Contract for Police Uniforms

Schedule to Open: March 31, 2015 @ 2:00 PM (CST)

Revised Due Date: April 14, 2015 @ 2:00 PM (CST)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

On March 17, 2015, you received notice of the above subject Bid No. 13528. Please make note of the following:

The deadline for questions was March 24, 2015. Any inquiries received after March 24, 2015 will not be considered.

On March 27, 2015, you received notice of Addendum No.1 regarding the change in the bid opening date to April 14, 2015.

Please make note of the following questions and answers that apply to this RFP:

Q = Question A = Answer

Q1. Specification 6-D-17 for Bid No.13528 Police Uniforms duplicates the uniform shirt carrier already being supplied.

A1. No.

Q2. The new Specification 6-D-17 calls for a generic size range on the uniform shirt carrier, which no longer meets the custom size vest in a custom size uniform shirt carrier “system” which was an important safety concern under the current contract.

A2. We have tailoring work done on the custom size uniform vest carriers, and this has not presented a safety issue. So, tailoring on a universal sized vest carrier should not impact safety, either. There are new vest covers on the market that will get us away from the current vest “system”, which requires the vest be taken apart to be worn.

Q3. If the generic fit uniform shirt carriers do not hold the custom fit soft body armor panels in correct place on the officer's torso for safety, how is the liability going to be shared?

A3. Milwaukee Police Officers have two ways to wear their body armor; under their uniform shirt or in an outer vest carrier.

We have tailoring work done on the custom size uniform vest carriers, and this has not presented a safety issue. So, tailoring on a universal sized vest carrier should not impact safety, either. There are new vest covers on the market that will get us away from the current vest "system", which requires the vest be taken apart to be worn.

The armor stays intact, and the front and rear panel of the armor will continue to be secured at the shoulders and sides with the manufacturers provided elastic and Velcro straps. The new outer vest "carriers" are simply a cover for the vest, and not so much a carrier any longer. Since the armor itself will not be altered and will continue to be secured with the manufacturers supplied elastic and Velcro straps.

Q4. Was a wear test done of any new proposed uniform shirt carriers before going to bid?

A4. A wear test was conducted of numerous different uniforms and materials. A diverse panel of participants was chosen for the test, which was operated under strict guidelines to ensure the test was conducted uniformly. The wear test covered numerous aspects of what was deemed to be quality in work gear, and took into consideration the fading and wear of materials after washing, when in the sun, etc.

The current carrier fades in the sun and is not the same color or fabric as the current uniform, so there is no uniformity in appearance, which lends itself to an unprofessional appearance.

Q5. Regarding the above Bid #13528 for Police Uniforms, the pants and shirts are priced by size. Can the Price Sheet be revised to include costs for larger sizes such as sizes 44 and up in pants, neck sizes 18 and up in shirts as well as longer sleeve lengths in shirts?

A5. No.

Q6. What brands are currently being worn?

A6. Speiwak

Q7. Please provide more information regarding the requirement for online ordering. Will individuals be picking up orders placed online in the store? If not, are individuals responsible for shipping charges to their home?

A7. When officers get new uniforms currently, they must come to the Academy and get an authorized paper form that they take the uniform vendor. There, they submit the form and order the uniform. The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) would like to have an automated system that will allow us to authorize the uniform purchase electronically and eliminate the officer going from the Academy on the northwest side of Milwaukee and travelling to the uniform vendor, which is currently located on the south side of Milwaukee County. The MPD is open to the idea of officers having the ability to have items shipped to their homes if they pay the shipping cost. Pick up at the store is sufficient, as well.

Q8. Can the deadline be extended?

A8. The deadline has been extended to April 14, 2015 as noticed in Addendum No. 1 published on March 27, 2015.

This certificate is to be signed and submitted with your Bid No. 13528 response and returned before 2:00 PM of the opening date to the Department of Administration – Business Operations Division – Procurement Services Section, Room 601, City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

ANY ADDENDUM NOT RECEIVED BY 2:00 PM ON APRIL 14, 2015 MAY RESULT IN BID REJECTION.

Sincerely,



Karen Jeffries, CPPB
Procurement Specialist

This is to certify that I/we have read the above and have incorporated it in my/our bid.

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____

NAME OF FIRM: _____

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